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### **Torax Medical Receives US and European Patents for Magnetic Gastric Band**

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA – Aug 6, 2014 – Torax Medical today announced that the U.S. and European Patent Offices granted them patents on the use of Magnetic Gastric Band for the treatment of Obesity.

President and CEO of Torax Medical, Todd Berg, stated, “We are excited about the continued expansion of our patent portfolio. The concept of a Magnetic Gastric Band has the potential to provide next generation banding technology for the treatment of Obesity. This further expands the potential of Torax Medical’s Magnetic Augmentation technology platform.”

#### **Magnetic Augmentation Device**

The device is a small implant comprised of interlinked beads with magnetic cores. It can be placed around the proximal stomach creating a smaller stomach pouch. The magnetic beads are designed to respond dynamically to pressure changes in the stomach pouch reducing the stomach’s capacity.

#### **The Disease**

Obesity is a common, serious and costly disease. It is estimated that more than a third of the U.S. adult population is affected by the obesity epidemic. Obesity-related conditions include some of the leading causes of preventable death, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer. The estimated annual medical cost of obesity in the U.S. was \$147 billion in 2008.

#### **About Torax Medical**

Torax Medical, Inc. is a privately-held medical device company headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota that develops and markets products designed to treat sphincter disorders utilizing its technology platform, Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation (MSA). Torax Medical is currently marketing the LINX® Reflux Management System for the treatment of GERD in the U.S. and Europe and the FENIX™ Continence Restoration System for the treatment of Fecal Incontinence (FI) in Europe. For more information, please visit [www.toraxmedical.com](http://www.toraxmedical.com).